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BEEN BOMBED, THEIR CROPS AND FLOCKS DESTROYED, THEIR VILLAGES ATTACHED, AND THEIR NEIGHBORS HAINED OR KILLED.

MOST OF THESE REFUGEES ARE DESTITUTE AND DEPENDENT ON THEIR HOSTS, THE PAKISTANIS, AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR THE ESSENTIALS OF SURVIVAL - SHELTER, FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, IS COMMITTED TO JOIN IN THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO ASSIST THESE COURAGEOUS PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE. WE HAVE THUS FAR CONTRIBUTED OR PLEDGED NEARLY \$25 MILLION TO THE RELIEF EFFORT, CHANNELLING OUR CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION ON REFUGEES, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SUCH AS CARE AND THE RED CROSS. THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED TO PROVIDE TENTS FOR SHELTER, BLANKETS, MEDICINES AND FOOD.

WE ARE THIS WEEK MAKING AN ADDITIONAL PLEDGE OF \$19.400 MILLION IN PL-480 TITLE II FOOD COMMODITIES WHICH DRAMATICALLY SYMBOLIZES THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE TO SUSTAINING THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE SO REMARKABLY EMBODIED BY THE AFGHAN REFUGEES.

AMBASSADOR FRANK LOY WILL BE MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF COMMITTEE, INCLUDING MARY ANN DUBS AND COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BILL MCCULLOCH, AT 4:30 THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE ONGOING RELIEF EFFORT AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PRIVATE GROUPS SUCH AS THE COMMITTEE. UNQUOTE

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THE \$19.400 MILLION IS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION. THE \$19.400 MILLION TOTAL CITED INCLUDES ESTIMATED TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND \$11.6 MILLION COMMODITY VALUE OF:

WHEAT - 40,000 MT
VEGETABLE OIL - 3,990 MT
NONFAT DRIED SKINNED MILK - 2,360 MT.

AID WILL BE SENDING FORMAL NOTICE SEPARATELY. CHRISTOPHER

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